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In re application of H. Hofland, D. Lamons, and X. Meng

Application No. 09/996,838

Group No. 1632

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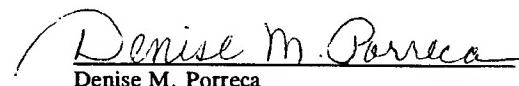
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Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated December 21, 2002, be extended one month, from February 21, 2002 to March 21, 2002.

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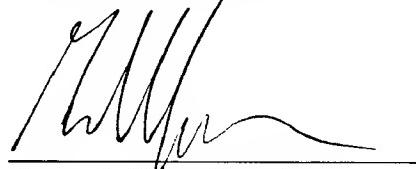
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